

April 8, 2020

Dear Village Families,

We hope that you and your family are safe and well, and that your community is resilient and strong. We appreciate your patience while we have determined our alternate plans for this upcoming summer, given the significant changes in our world.

Our ultimate goal is to offer language learning for you this summer. However, due to current health protocols, we have decided that we must delay our residential Village programs to start in late July, with the provision to finalize this decision by no later than June 1. Moreover, we are encouraging attendance of longer duration in order to minimize multiple entries into a Village site, and are only offering two- and four-week sessions between July 27 and August 22. We are cancelling all one-week and day camp sessions. Please see our updated [health protocols](#).

In addition to our limited residential sessions, we are launching new online programs this summer as well: **Virtual Village Sessions!** Villagers will experience “live” language learning and cultural immersion with our Village staff, many of whom will be teaching directly from the Villages and bringing the program to homes across the country. Participants will be fully immersed in creative and fun ways in small cohorts —virtual interaction enabling villagers to also *live the language* at home and in their own communities. As with any new program choices, we anticipate that you may have some questions and have created an [FAQ page](#) on our website.

**Here are the specifics for summer 2020 programming:**

- Two-week and four-week residential youth programs will be offered in northern Minnesota from July 27 - August 22. A number of Villages will offer residential four-week high school credit sessions during this same timeframe as well. The **residential schedule will be available on April 15.**
- Four-week high school credit online programs will be offered beginning June 15. The **online credit schedule will be available on April 15.**
- One-week online youth programs will be offered in July and August in all languages. The **one-week online schedule will be available on April 29.**
- All residential programs through July 25 are cancelled.
- All residential one-week (youth, family and adult) and Adventure Day Camp sessions are cancelled for summer 2020.

**As a registered participant, you now have four options:**

1. Remain in a residential session that is still on the July 27 - August 22 schedule in which you are currently enrolled.
2. Transfer to a residential session on the July 27 - August 22 schedule, based on availability, and apply your current deposit/tuition to that option.
3. Transfer to an online offering and apply your current deposit/tuition to that option, receiving a refund for the difference if it applies.

4. Retain a credit on your account in the amount of your nonrefundable deposit to be used for a residential or online session that takes place before April 30, 2021. All remaining fees paid to date will be refunded in full within 60 days of your notification to our registration staff.

**What are your next steps?** We will send you a link to a Google form, in which you will request one of the options above. We will do this in a tiered fashion, in order to provide you with the best customer service possible and answer any questions that you may have.

- If you are a currently enrolled four-week villager, you will receive the link on April 15.
- If you are a currently enrolled two-week villager, you will receive the link on April 22.
- All other currently enrolled villagers (including youth, families and adults) will receive the link on April 29.

***\*NOTE:** we will not open registration to the general public until May 8 to ensure that our currently registered villagers have first access to these onsite and online options.*

Please know that there may still be alterations to the residential schedule for the July 27 to August 22 sessions. We will only offer residential programs if it is safe to do so. And we will continue to communicate relevant information in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact our registration team at [clvregister@cord.edu](mailto:clvregister@cord.edu) or (800) 222-4750 ext 1. For a quicker response, please email us. We expect a heavy call/email volume, so please bear with us as we respond to you just as soon as we are able.

We also encourage you to check out our language-learning [resources](#) in 14 languages and to subscribe to our [WorldView Blog](#) for creative tips for navigating life in an upended world. Our best wishes in the weeks and months ahead. Please watch for the next communications that will outline our residential and online schedules for this summer.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Schulze  
Executive Director